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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15



PROLOGUE

I would like to explain to new readers that I belong to no organization or denomination but am free to minister to the members of the Body of Christ wherever the Lord leads. The truths that God is revealing do not belong to anyone exclusively, nor are they to be used to build up any man, work or organization. This is the hour when the Lord alone is to be exalted and glorified and when the non-sectarian church of the Living God is to function as He has purposed. This church is not confined to any particular movement or segment of God's people.

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*“For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth
for the revealing of the sons of God.”*

Romans 8:19 (ASV)



1

NO PLACE TO LAY HIS HEAD

In *Matthew 8:19-20* we read these words:

“A certain scribe came, and said unto Him, Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.”

How ridiculous to think that the very incarnate Lord of Glory was talking only about not having a place to live or sleep while walking this earth. This was certainly true, He had no place He could call His own, but we must constantly keep in mind that *“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev. 19:10)*. Therefore every word which He spoke can be distilled into prophetic patterns to show truths for future ages and generations. Think not that Jesus wasted His time *just* talking about the physical conditions in which He found Himself. He was using these incidents and circumstances to portray something far more vast and important than that which first meets the eye. Let us look and **BEHOLD** the footprints of the majestic Son of God.

In *Matthew 8:16* we notice that it says when *even* was come *“...they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils; and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick.”* WHY does it mention that this occurred in the evening? Just to fill in space? Is it not to show that Jesus was picturing things that would happen at the *close* (evening) of this age when His Body would be ministering in power and doing the

works that He did?

In *verse 18*, we read that Jesus gave commandment to the disciples to “depart unto the other side.” Even so is the Body of Christ to depart unto the other side (heaven) *after* finishing the work that has been given to it for this end time. It is in THIS SETTING that we have the words of the Scripture with which we began. It was a certain *scribe* who said to Jesus, “*I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest.*” The scribes were the scholars and teachers of that day, comparable to the theologians and ministers of our day. Thus we see portrayed in this end time those who are asking what is required to follow the Lord *all the way*. In Jesus' cryptic answer is couched the enigma that He saw would prevail in this end time. WHAT did He see? “The foxes have holes,” said He. In *Ezekiel 13:4* we read: “**● Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.**” Also in *Luke 13:32* Jesus refers to Herod as “that fox.” Thus we see that Jesus was referring to certain kinds of humans when He used the term “fox.” If you will read *Ezekiel 13* you will see that the Lord was rebuking the prophets of Israel because they were speaking out of their own hearts and following their own foolish spirits. Of them He says, “**Ye have not gone up into the gaps (breaches), neither made up the hedge (wall) for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord**” (*Ezek. 13:5*). Thus He is describing a type of religious leader or preacher that is interested only in his own ways and seeking to promote that which serves his own interests.

“The foxes have holes (lair)s” said He. The LAIRS are the modern denominational systems which have become the holds and strongholds of those who, like foxes, have made a place for themselves to “lie down” in to promote their own welfare and security. And with them they hold captive the people of God to the traditions and customs of their particular approach to God. These, in turn, are not willing to follow the Lord to the point where their primary concern is *not* where THEY are going to find a “lair for security,” but rather in finding a place for the LORD to *lay His head*. The above is not meant to be an indictment against the many sincere and conscientious ministers who are doing the best they know how

with the understanding they have. But it is an apt description of the religious systems and the many who know what the score is, but who refuse to “forsake all” to follow Him.

Jesus could have used some other term of expression to denote His lack of an abiding place on the earth. But again, every word was designed to portray truth. He does not in these days have a place to LAY HIS HEAD. The Bible teaches that the church is the BODY of Christ, and that He is the HEAD of the Body (*Eph. 1:22-23, 4:15*). “Laying down His head” denotes a place (or people) where His HEADship is the primary concern. In other words, the Lord portrays that time when many scribes, teachers, etc. would come with feigned words about following Him all the way, and yet refuse to recognize HIS HEADSHIP OVER HIS CHURCH. The Lord has no people in this day who are willing to let Him “lay His Head” down to where He is in complete charge of everything that is done in His Body, and where everything is directed by Him through the Holy Spirit. But NOW has the day dawned for this people to come into being. The beginning stages are evident in many places.

Jesus also said *“the birds of the air have nests.”* He was picturing those conditions which would prevail in the end time when the religious systems would become like that described in *Revelation 18:2*,

“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is becoming the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”

Thus every kind of religious “bird” can find a roost somewhere in the religious systems of today, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head; for His Headship is not welcomed or sought for by the religious leaders of today.

Immediately following the words we have just been dealing with, we find in *Matthew 8:21* that another disciple said to Jesus,

“Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow Me; and let the dead bury their dead.”

The Berkeley version renders this passage, “*Leave* the dead to bury their own dead.” Again Jesus was using a contemporary situation to portray a prophetic truth. When the disciple said that he wanted to go and bury his father, he did not mean that his father had already died. This was merely a way of saying, let me stay with my father and take care of him until he dies, and then I will follow you. Jesus said in effect, “Let the spiritually dead take care of their own, you follow Me NOW.” Letting His words be the spirit of prophecy for our day we can see that there are those who say they want to follow the Lord, but first they want to remain with the spiritually dying denominations which have *fathere*d them until they feel their usefulness there has been completed. But Jesus is saying, let the spiritually dead take care of the spiritually dying denominations, YOU FOLLOW ME. He wants us to *leave* that which is dying and forsake all to follow Him.



2

THE GIFT AND THE PRIZE

One time I asked a Bible study group in the church where I ministered if they knew the difference between a “gift” and a “prize.” The majority were immediately certain that they knew. I had them turn in their Bibles to **Romans 6:23** where it speaks of the “gift” of God which is eternal life, and then **Philippians 3:14** where we read of the “prize” of the high calling. Then I asked if they thought the two passages were referring to the same thing. They looked a little puzzled. Evidently such a thought had never occurred to most of them. Why should it? Most Christians have read the Bible so long through rose-colored glasses of traditional theology, that it is difficult for them to take the simple meaning of words and apply them correctly.

In **II Timothy 2:15**, Paul admonishes us to “study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” But how does one “rightly divide” the Word of Truth? The Greek word *orthotomeo* means ‘to cut straight’ (divide), and as Paul is speaking of a good workman, he must be thinking of some work in which the workman’s skill consists in cutting straight; perhaps his own trade, in which it was all important to cut the pieces straight that were afterwards to be joined together to make a tent. To “rightly divide the word of Truth” means, at least in part, to properly “cut straight,” divide or *distinguish between the various portions of Divine Truth* that they might be *fit together into one* harmonious whole.

Does it make sense to call salvation, or eternal life, both a *gift* and a *prize*? Does it not make better sense to “rightly divide” the

two, and by diligent study, show by many Scriptures that there is a “prize” to be *won* as well as a “gift” to be *received*? And thus instead of making God's Word contradict itself, *fit each portion* of truth into its *proper place* in the Divine scheme of things and produce *one harmonious whole*.

If we are to “rightly divide” the word of Truth, we must distinguish between salvation, as such, which is the gift of God, and the “high calling” which is something to be attained to. This is brought out by Paul in *I Corinthians 9:24*, where he uses the same Greek word translated “prize” as we find in *Philippians 3:14*. He shows it to be like the prize won in the games or athletic contests of the time. *“Know ye not that they which run a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.”* In the same chapter, Paul indicates his own apprehension of failure to obtain this prize:

“I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one beating the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

I Corinthians 9:26-27

How different are these words than those of the Apostle which we read in *II Timothy 1:12*:

“For I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.”

In one instance we have apprehension and in the other certitude. Should we not “rightly divide” these Scriptures and realize that in the latter words Paul was speaking of his certainty of salvation (eternal life), whereas in the former he realizes there is something else which he had *not yet* attained, and which would require all the energies and devotion of his life. Hear his words:

“...if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from (out from among) the dead. Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was

laid hold on by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:11-14

The prize which Paul is so eager to attain is referred to in the above passage as the “*high calling*.” The Greek word translated “high” may also be translated “above” or “upwards.” Thus the “high calling” is a summons or invitation to come up higher. This is in harmony with the statement in ***Hebrews 3:1***: “***Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling.***” It is a call or summons to attain to the glories of heaven itself. All of us who have been saved are partakers of (associates in) this heavenly calling. But – we must “***give diligence to make our calling and election sure***” (***II Pet. 1:10***). Certainly this is not the same as the GIFT of eternal life which is *now* the present possession of every born again Christian. The distinction is made clear in ***II Timothy 1:9*** where Paul speaks of God Who “saved us, *and* called us with a *holy calling*.” The two ideas would not be separated by the conjunction “and” if they were one and the same. Paul, in ***Romans 11:29***, speaks of the gifts *and* the callings of God, indicating that they are not the same.

NOW the picture comes into focus. Obviously, if “heaven” is a PRIZE to be won, then the GIFT of eternal life must provide only for *restored* life on the same plane on which it was lost – the EARTHLY! Adam was on earth, not in heaven, when he forfeited deathless life. The PRIZE involves being “joint heirs” with Christ and His own (heavenly) realm, to rule and reign with Him over the earth (***Rom. 8:17; Rev. 5:10, 20:6***). Those who fail to make this “calling” must come back to earth in the coming Kingdom age to live in deathless physical bodies. The fact that many saved ones are ~~now~~ ^{now} in that realm called “paradise” in no way indicates that they will be a part of that coming “Heavenly Kingdom” as “co-heirs and co-rulers” with Christ. Paradise is an intermediate state of bliss for departed souls who have been saved, but it is in no way synonymous with the glories of the coming Kingdom of Christ where

those who have overcome will rule and reign with Him. Resurrected life back to this earth is to be the lot of many saved ones until they have fully entered into all that has been ordained for them. Then at some future date they shall be translated into the Heavenly realms, and they will operate no longer in a physical but in a glorified body.

We have seen from three different Scriptures that the PRIZE is a *high* calling, a *holy* calling and a *heavenly* calling. Let us examine these thoughts a little further. We know that the word "high" indicates that which is lofty or elevated. Thus, in *type*, the high calling would be symbolized by the top or summit of a mountain which rises above the ground level. Moses, on the top of Mount Sinai, would typify the high calling. The word "high" also means 'difficult to comprehend,' 'of a great price,' or 'greater price than usual.' Thus the "high calling" is not for easy going, indulgent Christians. *A price must be paid!* Paul knew well the price: a total renunciation of the things of the world. Hear his words:

"Howbeit, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. Yea verily, and I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for Whom I suffered the loss of all things and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ. . .that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, becoming conformed unto His death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from (out from among) the dead."

Philippians 3:7-11

Paul is referring to the "first resurrection" of those who will "reign with Him" (*Rev. 20:6*).

The word "high" also means 'elevated in rank, condition or office.' Those who attain unto the high calling are to receive positions of authority and rank far above those who enter the earthly kingdom. As a matter of fact they are to rule over the earthly kingdom.

"Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first res-

urrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Revelation 20:6

Of the Apostles, Jesus said, "***Ye shall sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel***" (Matt. 19:28). According to ***Revelation 5:10***, those to be made priests and kings shall reign on (over) *the earth*. Paul says in ***I Corinthians 6:2-3***, "***Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? Know ye not that we shall judge angels?***" Thus those of the "high calling" are elevated even above angels!

The calling is not only *high*, it is also *holy* (***II Tim. 1:9***). "***Fellow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord***" (***Heb. 12:14***). Holiness means separation in spirit from the things of the world. The Israelites, delivered from Egypt and on their way to Canaan, typify the Christians of this age who have been delivered from the pollutions of this world and are on their way to the Heavenly Kingdom. Numerous and detailed laws did God give the Israelites to teach them holiness (separation) from that which defiles and makes "unclean." Most of these laws are found in Leviticus, where repeatedly did God say, "***Ye shall be holy, for I am holy***" (***Lev. 11:44***, and etc.). "***I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people***" (***Lev. 20:24***). All these things happened unto them for examples (types); and they are written for our *admonition* (***I Cor. 10:11***).

"Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I WILL RECEIVE YOU."

II Corinthians 6:17

"But as He which has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy."

I Peter 1:15

The church, which is to become the bride of Christ is to be presented to Him a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or

any such thing; ***“but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:27).*** Certainly most Christians have not yet attained to this kind of holiness!

The calling is also a “*heavenly*” calling. ***“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling” (Heb. 3:1).*** The PRIZE of the high calling is Heaven itself; or we might say the “Heavenly Kingdom” or realm which is being prepared for those who love Him with all of their hearts and souls, and who are being *perfected* into His likeness. Since ***“flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God” (I Cor. 15:20),*** it becomes evident that those who enter therein are to be clothed with bodies commensurate with the Heavenly realm. Paul says,

“For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His Glory.”

Philippians 3:20-21

We read in ***I Corinthians 15:40*** that there are celestial (heavenly) bodies, and bodies terrestrial (earthly), and that *the two differ in glory*. Paul also uses the terms “natural” bodies and “spiritual” bodies (***I Cor. 15:44-48***). “Natural” bodies are for the earth, and “spiritual” bodies are for the heavens. The New Testament repeatedly speaks of this entrance into the Heavenly realm as being “glorified,” or entering into “glory.” ***“If so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be glorified with Him” (Rom. 8:17).*** This, of course, indicates an adornment and beautification far surpassing that of the earthly glory. It is that “glory” with which Christ Himself was adorned after the resurrection and transformation of His earthly body. ***“Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?” (Lk. 24:26).*** Those who are to be glorified with Him are to become *like Him*.

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it is not yet manifest what we shall be. We know that, when He shall be manifested, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

I John 3:2

Surely, it staggers our imagination to realize just how *high, holy* and *heavenly* this calling is!

Though this prize is something to be attained to, we must not harbor the idea that it is something achieved through our own effort or merit alone. It is ***“Christ in you, the hope of glory”*** (*Col. 1:27*). It is the power of *His Spirit* dwelling within that enables one to overcome the world, even as He overcame the world and entered into glory. HE now lives to make intercession for us (*Rom. 8:26-27*). Only those who have allowed the Lord, by His Spirit, to do a perfect (complete) work in them (*Phil. 1:6*) can hope to be ***“joint heirs with Christ”*** (*Rom. 8:17*) in His own (heavenly) realm. How many have been lulled into the lethargy and slumber of the “foolish virgins” because the Word was not “rightly divided” to them; and they thought all there was to do was to believe, be baptized, and live a fairly respectable life, and a mansion in Heaven was awaiting them.

“For many are called but few are chosen” (*Matt. 22:14*). I used to think that this meant only a few would be saved and the rest eternally lost. I now realize that many saved ones are called to *“His kingdom and glory,”* (*I Thess. 2:12*) but *few give diligence* to ***“...make their calling and election sure...”*** (*II Pet. 1:10*). Shall we not “rightly divide” the Word of truth? We need to live in the joy and assurance of our salvation, but we also need to press on toward the “prize of the high calling.”

“Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”

Ephesians 5:14



3

THE ERA OF THE MANIFESTED SONS

John the Baptist said of Jesus, *“He must increase, but I must decrease”* (Jn. 3:30). The ministry of John was that of “Preparing *the way* of the Lord” and “making His paths straight” (Matt. 3:3). When Jesus’ ministry began, John’s ministry gradually decreased until it ceased. Of Jesus, John said, *“And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel...”* (Jn. 1:31). After Jesus had performed His first miracle at Cana we read:

“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory and His disciples believed on Him.”

John 2:11

John’s ministry prepared the way for the manifestation of Jesus. Once the manifestation had begun, John’s ministry receded into the background and Jesus’ ministry came forth.

A similar pattern is being fulfilled in that which God is doing today. We have seen those that the Lord has raised up as a John the Baptist ministry to “prepare the way of the Lord.” NOW instead of the manifestation of THE SON, there is to be the manifestation of *the sons* as per **Romans 8:19**, *“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”* The word “manifestation” here is from the Greek *apokalupsis* which means to ‘uncover,’ ‘unveil,’ or ‘reveal.’ The Scripture does not say that all creation is waiting for the glorified Christ to be revealed from heaven. By this we do not mean to imply that such will not take place; it certainly will. But FIRST

there must be an unveiling or manifestation of the end-time “sons of God” who are going to go forth in a ministry of deliverance to a creation that is groaning and travailing in pain (**Rom. 8:22**). These sons will have entered into immortality in human flesh even as Jesus when He walked upon the earth. Read carefully the following four messages: “He must Increase,” “More on the Manchild,” “The Woman in the Wilderness,” and “The Manifested Sons.” Then will you understand more of that which is coming.



4

HE MUST INCREASE

This is the hour when the Lord shall begin to manifest those who are chosen to come forth as the fully matured sons of God. For even now the era of the manifested sons is beginning to dawn. Let us consider the pattern laid down in God's Word. When God was ready to manifest forth the glory of Jesus the Nazarene, He sent before Him the preparatory ministry of John the Baptist. John was to prepare the hearts of the people for that which was to follow, even the coming forth of the Son of man in the power of the Father. Even so is God now preparing the hearts of the people through a John the Baptist ministry that He may bring forth His sons in this hour.

Consider further that which the Lord patterned through the ministry of John the Baptist. Was he not called to do a certain work, and then was he not to recede into the background, even as he spoke to those who came and questioned him concerning the Messiah, "*He must increase but I must decrease*" (Jn. 3:30)? The John the Baptist era is to decrease that the era of the manifested sons might come forth. That which is beginning to come forth will be so different than that which has been expected, even by those closely associated with the John the Baptist ministry of preparation, that there shall be an offense and a stumbling by many. For they will question in their hearts and say, "Surely it could not be thus, for I was sure it would be this way." And they shall stumble in that hour even as John the Baptist was offended at that which did not conform to his previously conceived ideas. He was not able to be released from his prison condition because he stumbled

in that hour. So shall many in this hour find themselves in circumstances which will make it very difficult for them to believe in that which the Lord is bringing forth. For they shall say in their hearts, "Surely it would not be thus with me if this which I am beholding is true." And, stumbling at that which does not line up with what they think it should be, they will not be able to press on into that which is coming forth.

Therefore take heed that your hearts are open in this hour to receive that which the Lord is doing. For the hour when God shall manifest forth His sons is at hand. There shall come forth those like Jesus who will no longer be subject unto death but who will have entered into immortality in human flesh. They shall declare God's word in this hour and shall make known His Will and purpose through them. Therefore hear the word of the Lord in this hour and prepare your hearts, for God has determined to bring forth and none shall hinder that which He has purposed.



5

THE WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS

A time of great tribulation is coming and the Lord is preparing a people who will minister unto Him during that time. They will be used mightily in that day when the foundations of the earth do quake and when the foundations of human society are breaking in pieces. It will be a fearful day, and the hearts of men shall fail as they see the things that are coming. But the Lord will be for a sanctuary and for a covering to those who put their trust in Him (*Isa. 8:13-14*), and He will shield them from all harm and provide for their needs in that day.

We read in *Revelation 12* concerning the woman in the wilderness. The woman represents that glorious church which He is preparing and which will minister the Word of life in power during the Tribulation. The wrath of Satan shall be against her and the remnant of her seed, which is left on the earth (*Rev. 12:15-17*). She gave birth previously, and that which was born was caught up to the Throne and glorified (*Rev. 12:5*), all except a remnant of her seed which was left on the earth to do a mighty work (*Rev. 12:17*).

What is the difference between the woman and the man-child which comes forth from her bosom? The manchild comes forth as the seed of the woman, and the Lord will use this manchild to bruise the head of the serpent. For the pattern is true and must be fulfilled. The first fulfillment was when the "woman" (Israel) gave birth to the Man, Christ Jesus. Is it not written ". . . *Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee*" (*Ps. 2:7*)? And from whom was He begotten? And when was the day of His Birth? Was it

not when He came forth from the womb of the virgin Mary? She gave birth to the Son of Man, and He was later glorified as the Son of God. And when was the day of His begetting unto glorified life? Was it not when He came forth from the grave? Was not that the day of His birth unto the glories of the heavenly (*Acts 13:33*)? So consider the fulfillment of the pattern even in this end time. The Lord will bring forth from the womb of His glorious church those like unto the Son of man, and also bring forth those like unto the glorified Son of God. First will come forth that which is like the Son of man -- as a company of His chosen ones enter into immortality in human flesh. This shall be the first fulfillment of the seed of the woman. And then will come the second fulfillment in this end time when He will cause a man-child company to be caught up into the heavenlies. This will be their begetting into glorified life, even that life which will fulfill the pattern of the Son of God when He was raised and glorified.

The woman shall be made ready, and she will minister in power in the days of Tribulation. Does it not say that the Lord will give her wings of an eagle to carry her to safety during the time that the serpent seeks to destroy her (*Rev. 12:14*)? In that day there will be great danger from Satan-inspired hordes of people who will be whipped to a frenzy by the hate-inspired apostles of the enemy. They will pour out their venom of hatred upon those who are warning of the coming wrath, and those who are preaching a message of repentance in that day. The life of God's people will be in constant danger from those who want to silence the preachers of righteousness. Therefore God's people will be sensitive to hear His voice that He may protect them and lead them to places of safety. For at times, He will awaken them in the night and tell them to move to another location because of the danger that encompasses them. The angels will be present to direct them where to go, and the glorified ones will appear to them and instruct them as to what they are to do. It will be a fearful time as chaos reigns in the earth, and as the hate-inspired forces of the enemy seek to destroy those who would warn them and turn them from their evil ways.

Those who have entered into immortality in human flesh, even the seed of the woman, will have greater contact with the unseen

world. They will receive constant guidance and protection from the world beyond, and they will be able to speak the word of the Lord to all who are in need of direction. The immortal ones on earth and the Glorified ones in the heavens will be in constant communication with one another. They shall provide help and guidance to the woman as she ministers in that day.

Now, let us consider the way in which the church will meet in that day. They will meet in small groups in the places that the Lord will show them. Many times they will have to meet in secret because the authorities will be clamping down on all that they consider fanaticism. So great will be the boldness of God's servants in that day, and so astounding will be their message and their works, that the authorities will take action to try to stop the meetings.

Because of the great danger from both the hysterical mobs and the frightened authorities, much pressure will be put on all those who tend to deviate from accepted patterns of behavior and from approved procedures of religious activity. Even the religious world will seek to set up standards in that day of what is acceptable and what is not acceptable to the welfare of the nation in the times of extreme crises. Those who dare to not conform will be considered as fanatics and harmful deviates and will be persecuted by those who pose to be the religious voice of the land. His true servants will be buffeted from all sides as the people who are crazed by fear seek every means available to silence them. The people as a whole will refuse to listen to those who would call them to repentance and warn them of impending judgment in that day.

Danger will also come from natural disasters and from man-caused eruptions in that day. Disasters shall strike suddenly in many places, and battles will rage furiously. Were not the Lord's people warned, they would surely perish. He will give warning to all who are in danger that they may flee to places of safety, so that the forces of destruction do not harm them. They shall be told where to go to escape.

From whence shall come the warnings? The Lord will warn by vision and by appearance of His glorified ones who will be on constant duty in that day. They will be empowered to bear people

up if need be and transport them to places of safety, and at times they will be clothed and fed by supernatural means as they are obedient to His voice and follow the instructions that are given unto them. Even now all things are being made ready that nothing will be amiss when the great time of Tribulation comes upon the earth.



6

MORE ON THE MANCHILD

The Lord will divide and conquer and take that which He has prepared and deploy it to His advantage, in order to defeat the enemy and gain a great victory. He will use His forces in a way that will bring the enemy into subjection and destroy his works of death and destruction, sorrow and confusion — all the workings of chaos in the earth. This He will do by overcoming the primary effect of sin, even death, for in the clutches of death has the Devil held his victims since the beginning of sin. None has overcome save that One Who rose victoriously, even the Lord of Glory. The manchild which the Lord is preparing in the bosom of the woman shall come forth unto victorious life and no longer be subject unto death. As Jesus came forth from the bosom of the woman Israel, and was eventually caught up unto the throne of His God, so shall a company of overcomers be caught up unto God's Throne and invested with power to overcome the enemy. Even as Jesus rose to die no more, so shall this manchild company enter into deathless life to begin the destruction of the enemy's works.

Let us consider more about this manchild company. It is a mystery hid but now to be revealed. This manchild will be divided into two companies even as Elijah and Elisha were divided. One company will be caught up into the Heavenly realm to receive glorified life, and the other company will be left behind as was Elisha to enter into deathless life in the physical. This is a pattern in the Word; there shall be a dividing and deploying of God's forces, to the end that He may destroy all the workings of the enemy. The first division will be that of the manchild from the woman. This will

be a division between those who are in the glorious church but who will remain in mortal flesh, and those who are born out of that church into immortality. There shall be a further division in that which is born, in that some shall be caught up to the Heavenly realm and some shall be left on earth. Some will be in glorified bodies and some will be in immortal physical bodies. Those who are left on earth to function in immortal physical bodies are referred to in *Revelation 12* as "*the remanent* (or remainder) *of her seed*" (*Rev. 12:17*). They are the ones who remain after the main body of the manchild is taken. They will be *with* the woman, or glorious church in the wilderness of Tribulation, but they shall be separate in that they will have entered into immortality in human flesh and will no longer be subject to death. They will be the manifest sons of that day even as Jesus was a manifested son in His day.

Jesus portrayed in Himself the pattern for the end-time manifested sons by the two kinds of life which He lived. First, He entered into immortality in human flesh and wrought mighty signs and wonders, even the power of the One Who had received the fullness of the Father. So shall the manifested sons who are still on the earth wield the powers of their God in the coming day. Secondly, Jesus entered into glorified life after He was raised from the dead. Even so will those of the manchild company, who are taken, enter into the powers of the glorified life and minister on the earth during the Tribulation as Jesus ministered for 40 days after His resurrection. Thus will the enemy's grip begin to be broken when the manifested ones enter into the realm where death no longer has dominion over them, whether in the earthly or in the heavenly sphere.

The woman represents the glorious church which will be functioning in divine power during the time of the Tribulation. She will have come into the fullness of spiritual ministry and witness, symbolized by her being clothed with the sun (*Rev. 12:1*). Also, with the moon under her feet, she has overcome the soulish realm of human desire and emotion. And, as she is crowned with a crown of twelve stars, so is she functioning in the fullness of new covenant power and authority. But she is still in the realm of limitation

because she has not yet been caught up to the Throne and invested with that power which comes only to those who are no longer subject to death. She has not yet overcome sufficiently to be in the realm of the manifested sons. For the manifested sons or manchild company have overcome to the extent that death has been abolished for them, and whether in the heavenly or earthly they are no longer subject to its powers, neither the limitations of its domain. They are functioning in a realm which is beyond that of ordinary mortals.

Consider then what is required of us that we may be in the glorious church in that day and that we might be accounted worthy to be among those who will be filled with the fullness of their God in the days of Tribulation impending. It is a price that must be paid in total commitment unto the Lord, which is the sacrifice necessary for those who would become the manifested sons of that day. That day is coming shortly, and only those who have made a total commitment will have a part in the ministry which will bring liberation and salvation to multitudes in the days ahead. That is the glory which is awaiting those who are willing to pay the price in laying down their lives completely on the altar as a living sacrifice. They shall receive a glory which is beyond compare, and a joy in service which few are able to comprehend.

Again, let us consider the mystery of Elijah and Elisha as a type of the manifested sons. The two are one, yet divided for the fulfillment of God's purpose. First there shall be a division at the beginning of the Tribulation when the manchild or manifested sons will be divided into those like Elijah who will be taken, and those like Elisha who shall be left. And those who are left, like Elisha, will have a double portion of power, for they will no longer be subject unto death. This is shown by the fact that Elisha picked up the mantle of Elijah and crossed over Jordan on dry ground. As the Jordan river, which means 'descender', is a type of death, so the crossing of Jordan on dry ground is a type of the entering into deathless life, or immortality. Even so shall the Elisha group wield the powers of immortality as did Jesus when He was upon the earth. And as Elijah was taken out and caught up, so will a part of the manchild company be caught up into the heavenlies to wield

the powers of the glorified life during the time of Great Tribulation on the earth. As Elijah was divided asunder from Elisha by a chariot of fire, so does this picture the fiery Tribulation which will be encompassing the inhabitants of the earth at that time. But as Elisha saw Elijah go in the whirlwind, so will the whirlwind of God's judgment be upon those who seek to destroy or harm the Elisha group who have been left behind to enter into the powers of the Immortal Life. And as Elisha did many more works than Elijah, so does this picture the mighty work which will be done by the manifested sons on the earth during the Tribulation days. Since Elijah was seen by Elisha as he went, so does this show that those who are taken, and who enter into the glorified life, will minister and be seen from time to time by those who are left on the earth. The body of overcomers will go forth to overcome all the works of the enemy in that day.

Just as there was a division at the beginning of the Tribulation, so will there be a division at the close of the Tribulation. The Elijah-Elisha drama has a *double* fulfillment. Thus, at the close of the Tribulation, a great host will have been prepared to be taken into the heavenlies. They shall be translated into the heavenlies in that day when the Lord comes to gather His saints unto Himself. But there will be others who are not ready to be taken. Even so will they be left behind in that day to enter into immortality in human flesh. And having entered into immortality, they will continue to live in physical bodies throughout the entire Millennium. At the close of the Millennium, they too will be taken into the Heavenly realms.

By division God conquers, by separating that which is ready for one realm, from that which is ready for another realm. And by deployment of His forces in whatever place and realm that He chooses, He is able to overcome the works of the enemy and confound the imaginations of the proud.



7

THE MANIFESTED SONS

*"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth
for the manifestation of the sons of God."*

Romans 8:19

Who are these sons of God? They are those who have come into the fullness of that which God has purposed. Only those who have fulfilled the minimum requirements, pre-determined, shall be manifested as sons of God. That requires a complete separation unto the Lord so that He may do a perfect work within each one. There can be no deviation from that path, and there can be no faltering from that which is made known to each one as to the purpose which He has for his or her life. There must be no staggering through unbelief, nor lack of complete yielding to His will. His perfection must be wrought out in each one. Just as Jesus was made perfect as the first manifested son, even so shall He perfect each one in that which He chooses for them. They must be willing to come into that which He has made known to them, and they must be willing to forsake all for Him. Then will they be perfected by His workings and be brought into the fullness of that which He has purposed. There is a manifestation of those who will be taken into the Heavenly Kingdom and glory, and there is a manifestation of those who will be left on the earth. Those who shall be manifested in the Heavenly realm must fulfill those requirements set down in God's Word according to *Revelation 14:1-5*. They must be willing to forsake all that is of man and separate themselves wholly unto Him. The Lord will bring them forth only if they make

Him the one supreme object of their every interest and desire. They shall be brought forth in glory at the beginning of the Tribulation period and will be exalted to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Those who are to be manifested on earth must also be willing to make Him the center of their lives, seeking only that which is pleasing in His sight, and being willing to forsake all for Him. They shall also be manifested at the beginning of the Tribulation, for immediately after the "firstfruits sheaf" is taken, then shall those He has chosen enter into immortality in human flesh. They shall be sons of God as was Jesus when He walked upon the earth. This is from the perspective of Jesus' perfect humanity and not His Divinity. Whether to the heavenly or to the earthly glory, those manifested will enter into deathless life. No son is ready to be manifested until he is ready to put on immortality, for the two are the same. For those who are ready there shall come a time when it will be made known unto them what is required of each one. Though there are general requirements for all to be manifested, there are specific requirements for each one. The Lord will make known His plan and purpose for each one, and they must be willing to accept that which is shown them. Then will they proceed according to the instructions given them, making themselves completely available for whatever the Lord chooses for their lives. They will have come to the place where everything of this world has been given up for the sake of that which He has purposed for them. Then He will begin to do through them that which only those who have fully overcome can do. They will be used of the Lord to speak forth His Word with wisdom and authority. There will be committed unto them a realm which is beyond that of ordinary mortals. They will walk in the strength of their God and shall know His will at all times. They will make known that which He requires of the inhabitants of this earth. From the time that they enter immortality until the close of the Tribulation they will proclaim the Word of the Lord in such a way that all will marvel at that which proceeds from their lips.